

THE RISE OF ODELL

Painted by Himself, in His Own Newspaper.

PLATT WAS HIS LADDER,

To Be Kicked Away, in Contempt, in Sight of All Men.

The Newburgh "News," Like the Chorus in an Old Play, Elucidates the Action of This Political Drama—Official Outings of the Budding Governor-Chairman From the Day He Began Openly His Campaign to Make "Poor Tom" Eat Out of His Hand—A Remarkable Chapter on "How We All Were for Elihu Root Afterward."

The culminating act in a long series of humiliations which Governor-Chairman Odell has put upon his political creator and benefactor, Senator Platt, was perpetrated on Oct. 18, when Senator Platt, accompanied by Senator Dewey called on Governor-Chairman Odell at the Fifth Avenue Hotel to urge Odell to give some sort of an assurance that he would favor the reelection of Senator Dewey, to the United States Senate in January. The meeting between Governor-Chairman Odell and Senator Platt and Senator Dewey was by arrangement, and because it had become known that Governor-Chairman Odell, on Sept. 12, at Saratoga, had promised Mr. Dewey's place in the United States Senate to ex-Gov. Bliss in return for his support in the nomination of Governor-Chairman Odell's candidate for Governor, Frank Wayland Higgins.

Governor-Chairman Odell would give Senator Platt no assurance of any kind that he would throw his influence in favor of Senator Dewey's reelection, provided the Legislature were Republican on joint ballot. Governor-Chairman Odell refused to give any assurances whatever to Senator Dewey himself, who had already promised the Senatorship to Mr. Black.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal following say that the man who will succeed Senator Dewey will be Benjamin B. Odell, Jr., and that this has been the programme for nearly three years, or, at least, from the time when it was made known that Edward H. Harriman, Governor-Chairman Odell's personal friend and financial backer, intended to have two United States Senators of his own at Washington. Governor-Chairman Odell, along with his three insurgent Senators, Mr. Brackett of Saratoga, Mr. Brown of Jefferson, and Mr. Elsborg of New York City, arranged a programme in the winter of 1902-03 by which Senator Platt was to be defeated for the United States Senatorship to succeed himself. But the publicity given to the plot brought about its failure.

Mr. Harriman, as the personal friend and financial backer of Governor-Chairman Odell, has been a persistent seeker after special legislation since Gov. Odell first entered the Executive Chamber at Albany in 1901. The Illinois Central Bond bill, the Los Angeles Bond bill, the effort to increase the Railroad Commission from three to five members, the Furnaceville Iron claim, and a dozen other measures, all of personal and financial interest to Mr. Harriman, have been pushed through at Albany by Governor-Chairman Odell.

Governor-Chairman Odell has a personal newspaper organ on the banks of the Hudson at Newburgh known as the *Newburgh News*, and for three years and more the Odell satellites have looked to his newspaper organ for political guidance and instruction.

THE SUN this morning gives a few excerpts from the columns of the Governor-Chairman's personal organ which portray the Governor-Chairman's attitude toward his political creator and benefactor, Senator Platt, as well as toward Elihu Root, who was the universal candidate of the Republican party for Governor this fall, and who, at the last moment, sent letters to Governor-Chairman Odell and to Senator Platt declining to be the candidate.

ODELL BEGINS TO CLIMB.

Governor-Chairman Odell was made chairman of the executive committee of the Republican State committee by Senator Platt eight years ago. Charles W. Hackett of Utica was chairman of the State committee at the time. The first plot that Senator Platt discovered Mr. Odell to be up to was one to unseat Mr. Hackett as chairman of the State committee. Mr. Hackett had been a loyal follower of Warner Miller, but when Mr. Miller's business matters required that he should devote his whole time to them, his followers naturally, harmoniously and cordially became associated with Senator Platt for the last ten years. Mr. Odell wanted to supplant Mr. Hackett as State chairman, but Mr. Platt would not have it, and Senator Platt's friends said at the time that he was suffering from Bright's disease, should not be molested by the machinations of Mr. Odell, but should be permitted to end his days in peace, as he did under Senator Platt early in 1898.

Senator Platt nominated Mr. Odell for Governor the first time in 1900, and Mr. Odell had not been in Albany thirty days before he began his machinations to unhorse Senator Platt as Republican State leader. Senator Platt would not believe the reports made to him by his friends. He told many Republicans at the time that Odell was his political son. In 1902 Senator Platt again nominated Mr. Odell for Governor. The Republican party of the State was not friendly to Mr. Odell, and 40,000 voters who registered in New York City did not vote on election day in that year. Ten days before election day of 1902 Mr. Odell was a beaten man, and would his friends, Senator Platt rushed to the rescue, and by his support brought about Gov. Odell's reelection.

A GRATEFUL HEART.

Gov. Odell, after election day, called on Senator Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and said that he would never forget the Senator's assistance as long as he lived. He returned to Albany and renewed the machinations for Senator Platt's overthrow. He got together his insurgent Senators, whose principal motive was the defeat of Mr. Platt for reelection to the United States Senate, and within ten months after his reelection, by the use of the patronage of the office to which Senator Platt had nominated him twice, he captured control of the New York county Republican committee. A few months later, by the same use of the patronage, he captured control of the New York State committee, unseated Col. George W. Dunn, Mr. Platt's lieutenant

of thirty years standing, and took the chairmanship himself.

In August last Governor-Chairman Odell and Timothy L. Woodruff met at Senator Platt's home at Highland Mills and agreed that the Republican State convention which was to assemble at Saratoga on Sept. 14 was to be an open affair, and that the candidate who had the most delegates should be the candidate of the convention. That conference was farcical, for the reason that Governor-Chairman Odell last winter had selected Mr. Higgins as the candidate, and he nominated Mr. Higgins at Saratoga by the use of the patronage of his office, just as he had used the patronage to de-throne Senator Platt as State leader.

All this and more has led to Republican disaffection all over the State. Republican bitterness, Republican animosity, and when these are added to the system of Odellism, which is but a system of public and private graft for Governor-Chairman Odell and those in his train, who care only for the system of Odellism and not for the Republic, it is little wonder that the Republicans of high and low degree all over the State are in a battle array to defeat Governor-Chairman Odell's candidate for Governor, Mr. Higgins.

Republican newspapers and Republican independent journals in the cities as well as in the towns of the State have reprinted the arraignment of Governor-Chairman Odell by *Harper's Weekly*, which speaks of Governor-Chairman Odell and says of him, "As an ingrate he is beyond the pale of competition."

We spoke of Gov. Odell as a brute in politics. He is worse. Consider that only a few years ago he was an insignificant political lieutenant in a small city, that he was taken up by the leader of his party, and by sheer force of authority on the part of the latter was carried to the highest position within the gift of a reluctant people that, having reached this point of security and power, he turned, like a dog, and bit the half palsied hand of his benefactor.

MY ADJUTANT, SENATOR PLATT.

In November, 1902, immediately after Gov. Odell called on Mr. Platt at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and thanked him for his reelection, the Governor-Chairman's organ began to announce that Odell was the leader of the Republican party in the State and not Senator Platt. And here follow a few excerpts from the Governor-Chairman's organ on that subject:

Nov. 30, 1902.—That Gov. Odell is the logical leader of the Republican party and that the party workers in all sections of

N. Bliss and others suggested" for the next Republican nomination for Governor: "I do not understand that he will be a candidate for a third term. My information is that he desires to retire and attend to business."

In the distinguished veteran Republican leader very anxious that Gov. Odell "retire"? Because if he is there is a possibility that he may be disappointed.

I JERK AT MY ADJUTANT'S MARRIAGE.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ in October, 1903, did not hesitate to assail Senator Platt in his family relations. The Governor-Chairman's personal organ, not satisfied with attempting to injure him politically, essayed to make him unhappy when all of his friends in every State in the Union congratulated him in the heartiest terms on his marriage. Here are a few extracts from Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ on this subject:

Oct. 17, 1903.—Senator Platt's comparatively young wife seems to the Governor-Chairman's personal organ to be called upon to explain why she married him, but it is not necessary. The blooming widow of a United States Senator has a social position difficult to attain by any other route, and in the ordinary course of events she will outlive the Senator by several years.

Oct. 27, 1903.—It is interesting to recall the circumstance that William Allen White once wrote up Mr. Platt as a feeble, tottering old man, in the last stages of senility and decay.—*Chicago Tribune*.

What a bad light it put him in with the widows! No wonder the Senator got so angry over it that his friends had hard work restraining him from saying the said William Allen White for libel.

Oct. 31, 1903.—Will this cup of predigested matrimonial bliss never pass? Here is Senator Stewart, the Santa Claus of the United States Senate, past 70 and a widower of less than a year, led to the altar by another of those bewitching and thrifty Washington widows less than half his age—and several Washington boarding houses yet to hear from. These gay old Lotharios are fast turning the long sweet song of matrimony into a ragtime parody. Chaucery Dewey may yet live to regret encouraging his ancient colleagues to go and do likewise. The reign of the designing petticoat threatens the highest legislative body in the world.

MY ADJUTANT TAKES TOO MUCH.

In November, 1903, Senator Platt did not believe that Gov. Odell was warranted in appointing Comptroller Nathan L. Miller to the Supreme Court bench in the Sixth Judicial district. Mr. Miller had been elected Comptroller of the State, and had voted for the Furnaceville Iron claim along with Frank Wayland Higgins. Justice Matthee died, and Gov. Odell appointed Mr. Miller to the vacancy. Mr. Platt said that Mr. Miller should have remained in the place to which he was elected, as there was plenty of material in the judicial dis-

trict without taking Mr. Miller from his important place at Albany, and Mr. Platt added that it was not good sense for Gov. Odell to take Mr. Miller out of his place. Mr. Platt did not know then that Gov. Odell and Mr. Miller had patched up a scheme by which Odell and Miller were to attempt to beat Col. George W. Dunn out of the Republican leadership of Broome county and as chairman of the State committee. Mr. Miller got his nomination for Comptroller originally through Col. Dunn. Concerning Senator Platt's criticism of Gov. Odell's appointment of Comptroller Miller to the Supreme Court Justice in place of Justice Matthee, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ said on Nov. 13, 1903:

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committee. Governor-Chairman Odell now began to make speeches insisting that the New York Republican county committee should be "reformed and reorganized."

The reformation and reorganization led to the retirement of George B. Sheldon as treasurer in December last and the committee has been without a treasurer since. Governor-Chairman Odell acting as his own treasurer.

Governor-Chairman Odell's reorganization and reformation within the last twelve months (and he has had complete control of the committee through the power of the patronage of his office) have led to the retirement of but two leaders and the elevation of William Halpin, Tammany Hall Republican, to be chairman of the executive committee, and the uplifting of Armistage Matthews, the Tammany Hall Republican Lieutenant of Abe Gruber, the Tammany Hall Republican leader of the Twenty-first district, to be secretary of the committee.

Seventeen of the thirty-five Republican Assembly district leaders in New York county as now constituted are known in their districts and so spoken of as Tammany Hall Republicans, because of their close affiliation, political and personal, with Tammany Hall.

On Nov. 24, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ, speaking on the subject of "Reorganization in Gotham," said: "The Governor has waited a long time for the Republicans in Gotham to recognize and clear their organization of traitors. In conferences and in addresses at political meetings he has again and again urged them to take such action as will put the organization in good working order. But nothing has been done. The Governor has therefore decided to take matters into his own hands."

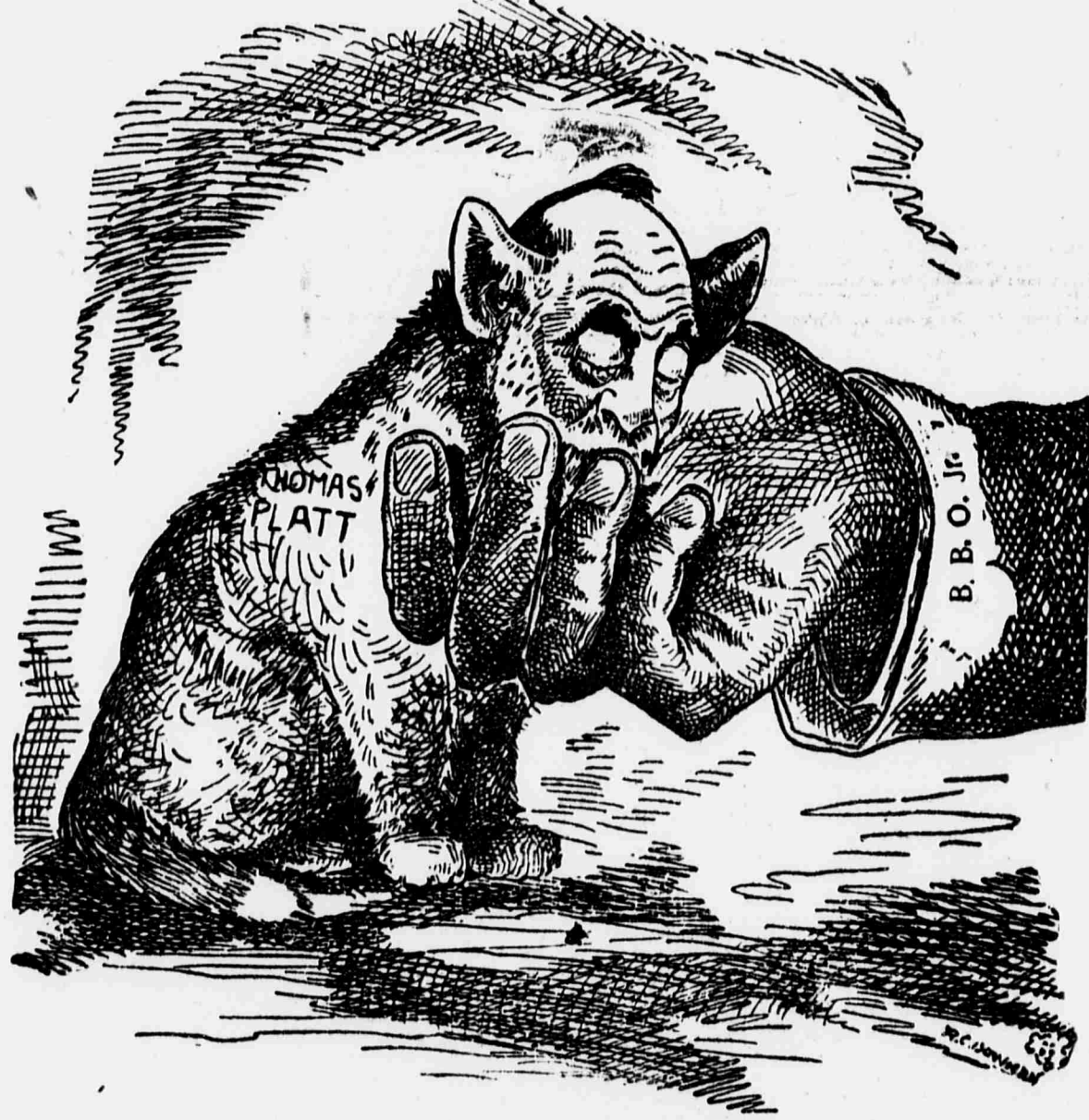
When this was written in the Governor-Chairman's personal organ twenty-five of the thirty-five Assembly district leaders signed a paper to stand by Mr. Linn Bruce for reelection, whom Senator Platt's friends had elected. But Governor-Chairman Odell distributed State Tax Commission, Port Wardenships, Quarantine Commission, Tax Assessorships and other places over which he had control as Governor of the State (Senator Platt having made him Governor twice), and the patronage of the Governor's office, which the Platt organization had given him, won the day.

POOR TOM THE CAT.

Governor-Chairman Odell having used the patronage of his office to wrest from Senator Platt control of the New York county organization, Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ on Nov. 25, 1903, printed the following cartoon of Senator Platt:

NEWBURGH DAILY NEWS, NOVEMBER 25, 1903.

AS GENTLE AS A KITTEN



Eats Right Out of "Benny's" Hand

ODELL DESTROYS HIS BENEFACITOR, THEN INSULTS HIM.

the State are inclined to look to him for advice and guidance were conclusively evidenced in the last Republican State convention, when Senator Platt endeavored to secure the nomination of George B. Sheldon for Lieutenant Governor, and was prevented from accomplishing his object because of the outspoken opposition of the Governor.

There is no question that the active leadership of the party is Gov. Odell's for the taking. But he does not want it. He has his hands full in looking after the affairs of the State and so long as he remains in office he will feel that he has little time to spare for such engaging political work as would be required of him should he actually assume the responsibility of State leader.

Senator Platt as the Republican head in this State is entirely satisfactory to the rank and file of the party. Through his efforts many brilliant victories have been achieved for the cause of Republicanism. The only feeling which exists that he should retire is to be found in the Democratic ranks, which fact is a distinct testimonial to his ability and success as a party manager.

While admittedly Gov. Odell is the real Republican leader in this State, Senator Platt will continue to do business at the old stand in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He is a wise and diplomatic political manager, and the affairs of the party are safe in his hands. But there has been a change in the situation since a few years ago. Then Gov. Odell was the adjutant of Leader Platt. Now, Senator Platt is the adjutant of Leader Odell. This is the sum and substance of the matter.

YOO'LL RETIRE ME, WILL YOU?

July 17, 1903.—The Senator (Mr. Platt) had a bouquet for nearly every one but Gov. Odell, whom he dismissed with this gingerly statement, after remarking that he had "heard the names of Black, Elihu Root, Nevada N. Stranahan, Cernius

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Having printed that cartoon of Senator Platt, a cartoon which was intended further to humiliate the man who had given Governor-Chairman Odell every political advancement he had ever had, the Governor's newspaper said on Nov. 27, 1903: "Never again will the cartoonists picture Senator Platt digging anybody's political grave."

NOT A GOOD CAT, EITHER.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ on Nov. 27, 1903, speaking on the same subject, said:

Considering his long and faithful service for Republicanism one hesitates to detract from the credit which in the main is Senator Platt's due, now that he has retired from active party management. While Gov. Odell has built up a splendid organization in the country districts, the Senator has weakened rather than strengthened the organization in his territory the last few years, and this is the immediate cause of his abdication.

Senator Platt's leadership in the State built up the organization in the country districts which brought about the election of Morton, Black, Roosevelt and Odell as Governors of the State, made the Legislature Republican in both houses, supplanted Hill and Murphy with two Republicans as United States Senators, and the New York county organization which Senator Platt's leadership built up elected William L. Strong and Seth Low Mayors of New York City, the first and only out and anti-Tammany Mayors within a period of thirty years. Besides, it was

Senator Platt's Republican leadership which made Greater New York.

BUT DON'T SET THE DOGS ON HIM YET.

On Nov. 30, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ had an article on "Harmony in Republican Party in New York State," and said:

If Gov. Odell should antagonize Senator Platt and his friends he probably would strengthen himself individually as leader, but it might result disastrously for the party. Senator Platt has not the power and influence among the leaders or among the masses of Republicans that he once had, but he still has many strong partisans through the State, and they would resent any action upon the part of the Governor calculated to humiliate the veteran Republican leader.

WRONG TO BE PUBLIC OFFICER AND PARTY LEADER.

It was on this day, Nov. 30, 1903, that the Governor-Chairman's personal organ began first to discuss the change in the chairman of the Republican State committee. In an article headed "Change in Chairman" the Governor-Chairman's personal organ assailed Col. Dunn because Col. Dunn objected to the retirement of Ashley W. Cole as a colleague on the Railroad Commission, and because Col. Dunn objected to the \$101,000,000 Odell canal scheme. The Governor-Chairman's organ then proceeds to say, concerning Col. Dunn:

He is also censured for holding the Republican chairmanship while serving as State Railroad Commissioner. It is pointed out that when Gov. Odell became chairman of the State committee he immediately retired as Congressman though not required by law to do so, saying that it is impolitic for any man to hold a prominent political position and fill a public office at the same time.

In the foregoing the Governor-Chairman's personal organ refers to his first election as chairman of the State committee to succeed Charles W. Hackett, whom he plotted to overthrow two years before Mr. Hackett's death. Mr. Hackett was dying of Bright's disease at the time. Senator Platt discovered the plot and thwarted Odell, who could not wait for Mr. Hackett to die.

EXCEPT FOR ME.

After Gov. Odell took the chairmanship of the State committee the second time, his personal organ attempted to sustain him in that act by saying that Samuel J. Tilden was both Governor and chairman of the Democratic State committee at the same time. The New York Tribune and other Republican newspapers in the State proved by the records that Mr. Tilden retired from the chairmanship of the Democratic State committee on the day that he was nominated for Governor at Syracuse in 1874, and that he was not even a member of the State committee after his nomination.

BECAUSE I'M SO GLORIOUS A LEADER.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ on Dec. 2, 1903, said:

Gov. Odell has taken up the duties of leader of the Republican party in New York State in a way that inspires confidence and enthusiasm and portends victory. Already he has injected life and spirit into the Republican organizations of districts where there have been apathy and indifference. Everywhere there is party activity such as has not been witnessed in a long time with our campaign months away. The entire party feels the influence and is vitalized by the energy and sagacity of the generalship of one of the State's ablest political leaders.

DON'T KICK THE CAT JUST BECAUSE IT.

On Dec. 11, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ was taken to task by the *Elmira Gazette*, which said:

The Newburgh News, Odell's home organ, pounds Platt every day, but "deprecates" criticism of party leaders. The explanation no doubt is that Odell's organ does not consider Platt a party leader.

The Governor-Chairman's organ replied, saying:

The *Gazette* has been misinformed. The News does not "pound Senator Platt." It has never "pounded" him or any one else, and never will. It does not believe in that sort of journalism.

The Governor-Chairman's organ on the same day has this:

MUST BE NOTED.—The Republican Harmony Concert is more melodious than ever under Mr. Ben Odell just playing second fiddle and began to wield the baton.

On Dec. 16, 1903, Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ had this to say:

Since his retirement [gosh] from active party leadership Senator Platt has more time to devote to his duties as chairman of the Senate Committee on Printing. Hence the party's loss is the nation's gain.

PLEASE NOTE THAT I'M IN CHARGE.

The Governor-Chairman's organ on Dec. 18, 19 and 24, 1903, began to predict Col. Dunn's retirement as chairman of the Republican State committee, and to sneer at the Buffalo News for doubting that Col. Dunn was to be retired by Gov. Odell, and the Governor-Chairman's organ on Dec. 24 sneeringly adds:

It will be remembered that it was left to Mr. Linn Bruce whether he would retire as chairman of the New York county committee, and his successor was elected last week.

On Dec. 26, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's organ said:

Senator Platt is leader emeritus of the Republican party in this State: Gov. Odell is in active charge of party management.

WHY DO YOU KEEP ON TALKING OF PLATT?

On Dec. 28, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's organ takes another fling at Senator Platt, because the Buffalo News had spoken of Senator Platt as "the able leader and the great Senator of the State of New York." The Governor-Chairman's organ, replying to the News, said:

The hearts of patriotic New Yorkers will thrill with joy over the fact that the importance of the chairmanship of the Senate Committee on Printing is beginning to be recognized by the stupid press at last.

I'LL CLEAN OUT YOU NEW YORK CITY TRAITORS.

On Dec. 29, 1903, the Governor-Chairman's organ had another article on the situation of the Republican party in New York City, and said:

It is the purpose of Gov. Odell, as leader of the Republican party, to purge the party organization in Greater New York of traitors and place men in their places who are honest and have the confidence of the rank and file. The traitors were not molested during the Platt regime, possibly because they deceived him as to their real character, more like still because of an easy boss in every Republican in New York City and up the State who is a Republican worthy of the name appreciates the absolute necessity for reorganization in the greater city, and applauds the Governor in his effort at housecleaning. And if Tim Woodruff, Devoy, or any other Republican leader is against Gov. Odell in this work, let him beware lest he himself be branded traitor.

D'YE THINK OLD PLATT CAN SAVE DUNN?

On Jan. 2, 1904, the Governor-Chairman's organ, speaking of the plot which the Governor had already set on foot to supplant Col. Dunn as State chairman and take the place himself, said:

Senator Platt says that the rumor that Charles Dunn of the Republican State committee will retire is preposterous. Carry the news to Buffalo!

LET'S GET TO GO: HERE'S AGAIN MY CANAL.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ on Jan. 4, 1904, began to outline the plot by which Senator Platt's friend, Col. Dunn, was to be displaced as State chairman.

W.&J. SLOANE

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An article headed "The Demand for Retiral of State Chairman Dunn," said:

Gov. Odell is the only prominent Republican in the State who supported canal improvement. To his efforts, more than to those of any one else, were due the adoption of the Canal Referendum act by the Legislature last winter. The leading Republican legislators "Platt men," if you please, fought the bill in committee and on the floor and voted against it. When things looked darkest for the canal cause in Albany last winter, Gov. Odell, of all the Republican leaders in the State, raised his voice for the improvement and the tide turned.

Col. Dunn the Governor-Chairman's organ arraigns as an enemy of the \$101,000,000 canal Odell scheme.

ODELL'S THE FRIEND, NOT PLATT.

Governor-Chairman Odell's personal organ had on Jan. 5, 1904, an article interesting to President Roosevelt and President Roosevelt's friends, who know what has been done in the State of New York by Governor-Chairman Odell and his coteries since President Roosevelt was sworn in as William McKinley's successor at Buffalo. The Governor-Chairman's organ on the day mentioned had an article headed "Why is Platt's Loyalty to President Questioned?" The article goes on to say:

Senator Platt has shown by word and act that he is friendly to President Roosevelt. He has emphatically declared that the delegate from this State will support the popular choice. Again and again he has expressed the opinion that Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated with practically no opposition. Yet Senator Platt's loyalty to the man who has been elected President is brought into question. It is charged not only by the Democratic press of the State, but by prominent papers of all parties through the country, that Senator Platt is a traitor to his country and to his President. Hanna to Roosevelt for the Presidency, and would, if he could, turn over to the Ohio Senator the vote of the delegation from this State.

On the other hand, Gov. Odell's loyalty to President Roosevelt is conceded by all papers and political leaders.

President Roosevelt's friends know the truth about this matter. They know that it was just the other way, and that it has been the Odell Republicans, headed by their chieftain, who have been inimical and sneering in their comments on President Roosevelt from the hour that he was sworn in as President. Moreover, President Roosevelt knows this to be the fact.

EXCITING RUNAWAY EPISODE.

Just here the conduct of Governor-Chairman Odell and his three insurgent Senators, Brackett, Brown and Elsborg, concerning Senator Platt's reelection to the United States Senate, in January, 1908, should be recalled. That combination had for its prime purpose the defeat of Mr. Platt's reelection. Odell winced at the last moment and ran away, according to the testimony of Republicans who were in the job. Brackett, Brown and Elsborg voted for Elihu Root for United States Senator (Mr. Root was then President Roosevelt's Secretary of War) and these votes were cast without the knowledge or consent of Mr. Root and in defiance of letters sent by President Roosevelt to Brown and Elsborg that he saw no reason why they should not again honor Senator Platt. President Roosevelt did not write to Senator Brackett, because a man like President Roosevelt could have no influence with a man like Brackett.

The Republicans who were in that job have denounced Governor-Chairman Odell for running away from them and leaving them "suspended in midair." Governor-Chairman Odell's friends have repeated scores of times that it was his intention to defeat Mr. Platt's reelection.

LET US MOCK MY ADJUTANT AWHILE.

On Feb. 8, 1904, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ sneeringly remarks:

Senator Platt does not appear to be taking much interest in affairs at Albany this winter.

On March 8, 1904, the Governor-Chairman's organ had this interesting paragraph: "There is something pitiable," says the *Gothen Independent Republican*, in the spectacle of an old man like Platt being pushed aside by a younger rival after a life spent in the service of his party." Your Uncle Thomas has not been pushed aside. He has stepped aside and very gracefully. * * * Every one in the Republican camp is happy and hopeful.

WHAT DID I SAY ABOUT DUNN?

On March 21, 1904, after Gov. Odell had displaced Col. Dunn and it was announced that he was to be Dunn's successor as

BROKAW BROTHERS

ESTABLISHED NEARLY HALF A CENTURY

THERE are years of wear in a Brokaw overcoat. The sturdy cloth used and the method of construction inside and out explain it. Sleeve linings that part, button-holes that burst, velvet collars that crack have no place in our garment.

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ASTOR PLACE AND FOURTH AVENUE.

chairman of the State committee, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ said:

Until yesterday Senator Platt said that Col. Dunn was to remain at the head of the committee. Senator Platt is welcome to the "active leadership" the "inactive leadership" the "emeritus leadership" and every other sort of leadership. As for Gov. Odell, he is content to work for the success of the party in whatever capacity he can be of the most service.

SENATORSHIP—DEWEY'S A GOOD MAN—WHO

With Mr. Odell Governor and Mr. Odell chairman of the Republican State Committee, the Governor-Chairman's personal organ began on March 23, 1904, in an article headed "Two Candidates for United States Senate" to outline the programme by which Senator Dewey, Senator Platt's colleague, was to be set aside by the Governor-Chairman. On that day the Governor-Chairman's organ said:

Senator Platt has declared unequivocally for the reelection of Elihu Root. Senator Dewey desires reelection. There were tears in his eyes when he asked Gov. Odell last Sunday evening if it is true the latter is opposed to him, as reported in the press. * * * Senator Dewey's career in the United States Senate has been eminently satisfactory, even brilliant and distinguished. Surely, if he desires to continue in that body, his candidacy merits the consideration of the leaders and the rank and file. It is known that the Hon. Frank S. Black would accept nomination and election as United States Senator to succeed Senator Dewey.

That ex-Gov. Frank S. Black should be United States Senator to succeed Senator Dewey, Governor-Chairman Odell promised on Monday, Sept. 12 last, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, after he had conferred at the United